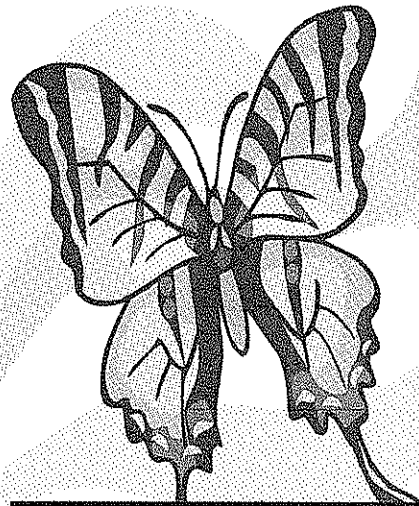


Spring Seminar

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- Some Real Research Sites on the Internet
- Spreadsheet Tricks for Genealogists
- Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records
- Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress



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April 5, 2008

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REGISTRATION AT SEMINAR: 8-9 A.M.**APRIL 5, 2008 SATURDAY****First Lecture at 9 a.m.**with a morning break, one-hour lunch, afternoon break, program ends about 3:30 p.m.**Snacks**—before seminar, at morning and afternoon breaks—come with your price of admission.

OUR SPEAKER: Pamela K. Boyer is the principal researcher, author, lecturer, and president of Memory Lane, Inc. She specializes in Washington D.C. area repositories and computer tools for genealogists. She writes articles on computer and Internet topics for genealogists. Check out her website: www.momemorylane.com

TOPICS FOR THE SEMINAR

Some Real Research Sites on the Internet—Included will be such searchable sources as Virginia land grants, Bureau of Land Management General Land Office records, vital records for several states, Scottish Origins General Register Office, British Origins records, and United States and foreign telephone directories.

Spreadsheet Tricks for Genealogists—Many practical uses of a spreadsheet for genealogical research and analysis are demonstrated in this lecture, with easy-to-follow steps.

Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records—Don't overlook military records in your genealogical research. They can reveal vital statistics, ancestors' locales, health histories, and politics. Some files may even contain original birth, marriage, or death records.

Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress—We'll mine the online collection for its wealth of documents, maps, books, photographs, even sound recordings, and learn to successfully search the online catalogs.

SITE of SEMINAR:

Beaverton Elks Lodge
3500 SW 104th Ave
Beaverton, Oregon

Directions: Drive West on Hwy 26, take Beaverton Exit near Sylvan, puts you on SW Canyon, continue to SW 104th. Turn Right. The road dead ends into their building, and very large parking lot. Enter the building at the Banquet room entrance in rear.

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What's Happening

ALL NIGHTER—February 16th

Mark your calendars for an all night research party in the GFO Library. Details on Page 2 of The Insider. (Look for the Haunted House)

APRIL 5th

SPRING SEMINAR DRAWS NEAR

Have you marked your calendar for Saturday, April 5th?

Our spring seminar speaker is Pam K. Boyer, who specializes in genealogical sources in the Washington D.C. area. Our Education Committee is busy working on the final details with the Beaverton Elks Lodge, plus the extra features—Book Vendor, Genealogical Treasurers, and possibly a White Elephant Sale. See enclosed flyers and our GFO webpage for more details.

MAY 3rd—SATURDAY IS SET FOR THE GFO OPEN HOUSE

Set May 3rd aside for our OPEN HOUSE. Sue Lydic will chair this event. Includes Tours of the Library, Ask-the-Experts advice, Refreshments, more... Invite your friends!

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for GFO offices are being sought. In addition to nominating worthy other members, don't forget putting yourself forward! Members interested in serving the organization in this important work are encouraged to notify Michele Fricke, Sandy Sterling, or Don Holz-nagel.



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NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES ON CD ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP

Members, please check with the GFO main desk to receive the latest copy of the yearly membership CD. Our thanks to volunteer Larry Sullivan for making them current and available.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Feb 9, 2008, 2 pm

Speaker: Janet Irwin:
"Multnomah County Library
—Genealogical Materials"

Mar 8, 2008 2 pm

Speaker: Gerald Lenzen
"Military Resources at GFO"

Famous Ancestors

FAMOUS ANCESTORS

Do you have a famous ancestor whose name your ancestors passed down? E-mail the editor at lylaw@pacifier.com or drop a note in care of the editor at the GFO's address on back cover.)

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GENEALOGY BOOK?????

Ed. Note: Do you have a favorite genealogy book you "can't live without" and would recommend to new genealogists? If so, mail the book name and author, and a couple of facts why you like it to the "Editor" in care of GFO (address on back cover) or email to "lylaw@pacifier.com"

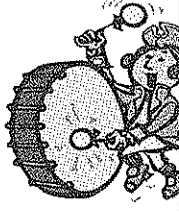
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- www.ohs.org
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- www.funstuff.org/genealogists.com
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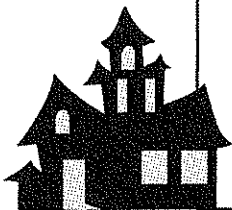
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Sunday, Mar 23, 2008—Easter	Thursday, Nov. 27 2008—Thanksgiving
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Snacks provided with Pizza party at midnight!

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Questions? e-mail Julie at "rathernut@cs.com"
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- 4 l
- 5 m,n
- 6 r

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**NAT'L
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INDEX**

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www.interment.net/data/us/or/multnomah/willanat.index

Around GFO

Interested members in volunteering for the GFO may write to Don Holznagel, dholznag@pacifier.com, or phone Jan Robinson at the GFO on Wednesday afternoons. e-mail her at desdemona@centurytel.net.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Filled : Web Page Assistant

Filled: 5th Saturday Research Assistant position

Filled: Historian position

Still needed: Two Editors, a membership chairman

OCCUPATIONS, WORK LIFE AND THE GFO

When you write the story of your relatives do you often include some thing about their work life? Does their occupation influence your image of them? Maybe you have an itinerant preacher in the family tree or maybe you have a farmer's wife who was a midwife to all the local families. Or was your ancestor a business man or a teacher? Whatever your ancestors did helps you to build a picture of the type of person that they were. I'd also like to encourage each of you to think about any volunteer work your ancestors or relatives did. Maybe they did a lot of work for a particular church, or maybe they did work on behalf of children of other worthy causes. Maybe now is the time to think about the legacy you leave and the impact that will have on those who come after you. Imagine your excitement if you'd found that one of your relatives had volunteered at a local genealogy society? You'd know that at least there was another relative who understood your passion for family history (and there might yet be some one who had their records!).

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DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

At several meetings this year the GFO Board has been discussing the overall financial position of the organization, including our contingency accounts and endowment funds. **We also are finding that the average \$30 memberships do not cover our general expenses—rent and upkeep—as they did in the past.**

In addition, we are examining our sources of income including the membership fee structure—perhaps offering different levels of memberships.

During the recent negotiation of a 5-year lease extension, the Board began to ask "what if" questions, such as "What if we needed to move to another location?" That event could occur not only by choice but also by edict, as another renewal of the lease at the end of the next 5 years is not certain. The board has created a contingency fund especially to cover moving costs and related expenses, and initiated a committee to look ahead 3-5 years to estimate such costs and other implications of moving.

In the process, we have found that the Endowment Fund has grown well beyond the original need which was to insure and support the transfer of the library collection in case of dissolution of the organization. Once funds are deposited into the present Endowment Fund,, we can use only a portion of the earnings. One step we are considering is to no longer place additional funds, including those from life memberships, in the Endowment Fund but use them instead to support operating expenses or contingency accounts just like we do with other membership income.

Further discussion on these issues will continue over the next couple of meetings as a precursor to building next year's budget this spring.

Around GFO

Here at the GFO we are always looking for new volunteers. Recently we've had a couple of new volunteers agree to help the organization out, but we still have several areas that need new volunteers.

We need a couple of people to help out with membership and a couple of volunteers to help with writing and editing our publications. If you think that you have some time that you could volunteer to help out the organization please contact me or our President, Don Holznagel. (See above for contact numbers, etc.) This is a small way that you, too, can leave a little legacy for your relatives to let them know that you believe that family research is important.

MEMBERSHIP STAFF NEEDED

We are expanding volunteer Membership staff to spread the tasks and reduce the level of individual effort. We need a Membership Director who is an appointed board member and responsible for member relations, new member outreach, and coordination of membership procedures. We need several membership support persons who process new and renewal membership forms and dues, and issue notices and cards, and update member records. The support tasks can be configured to be done in a short time on a weekly or monthly basis.

TWO EDITORS STILL NEEDED

GFO has been fortunate to have had Lyleth Winther as our Editorial Director but she has decided to take a well-earned rest. For three years she has edited the Insider and for two years, she has taken responsibility for both the Insider and the Bulletin, a heavy load. We honor her service and her request.

There are three major task areas to fulfill, including editing the Insider, editing the Bulletin and coordinating the overall effort to obtain content for both. We are now searching for members to take on

these tasks. Although Lyleth has taken on all three, it is important to spread the level of effort to at least two people if not three. Ability to write well is a desired skill, and as we move more in the direction of electronic publishing, it will be important for members of the editorial team to be users of e-mail, word processing, and the Internet. This is also an opportunity for interested individuals to help us identify a new perspective on the role of such publications in conjunction with the new opportunities afforded us by our redesigned presence on the World Wide Web. These positions will offer exciting and challenging opportunities. (Contact Don or Jan—see top of article)

READING ROOM RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Good news! The Fifth Saturday vacancy was filled. But there is still room for more volunteers. Due to personal illness or caring for an ill parent or spouse, we lose some of our most dedicated Research Assistants for awhile who share their skills and experience at the front desk.

We still need a second person on some of the shifts...it could be once a week, twice a month?? We also need volunteers to help on the desk by being substitutes or for even just one shift a month. So, you think that you don't know enough to help others? Remember when you first started your research? Just being there to keep the doors open and to offer a kind smile and welcoming hand to help others locate materials is a real gift to the organization. It is also a great way to learn about some of the lesser used materials in our collection. Of course, there are plenty of other ways to volunteer, too, that will improve your skills.

Contact Don or Jan.....
(see contact info at top of article)

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Also, Oregon Pioneers' registration cards (those folks who arrived prior to statehood (1859). Also, newspapers of Oregon area small towns on microfilm. -

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People

*We as a society couldn't exist without
our many volunteers. In this continuing
series, we salute them!*

**BEHIND THE SCENES
WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS**

by Janis Bailey

JANIS BAILEY

by Janis Bailey

I have been writing about other GFO volunteers' genealogy interests for The Insider for a year now; perhaps it's time to say something about my own interests. I first became intrigued by an old suitcase of my mother's abandoned in the attic of the 200 year-old Colonial home where I grew up in Essex, Connecticut.

One day, my mother opened the suitcase, revealing all manner of old letters, photos, old news clippings and a type-written genealogy compiled by Mother's Great Uncle J. Heber Smith. Reading about Mother's ancestor, ambushed and scalped by Indians outside Fort Ticonderoga in 1777, and of others said to have come on the Mayflower, inspired my life-long interest in learning about my family.

While my interest began as a teen, marriage and children intervened for many years. In the 1980's, however, I worked near the Carlsbad, California Library, which has an excellent Genealogy section. As often as I could, I stole away from my clinical social work practice to do research there.

After 20 years in San Diego County, I moved with my second husband, Ron Bailey, to Joseph, Oregon where we lived until his death. I then moved to Portland in 2001, and after a year or two restarted my genealogy research again, taking a class through Portland Parks and Recreation with Shirley Lee Sallee at the Hollywood Senior Center.

With my class I visited the GFO on a no-charge, First Monday field trip and discovered the library and the shelves containing books on New England's early settlers like the Mayflower Families Through Five Generation and the volumes of The Great Migration Begins. I

joined the GFO within days of this visit.

For years writing fiction and poetry has been a particular joy, although I haven't tried to publish my work, so when Lyleth Winther, editor of the Forum Insider asked if I would assist her by interviewing volunteers for the Newsletter, I thought, I can do that! It's fun to hear how members first came to the GFO and the volunteer tasks they have undertaken.

I was surprised by how many told me they were the only one in their family really interested in the family's history, and I thought how much like my experience this was. My mother was interested but never looked into her suitcase until the day she showed it to me. My three brothers are only moderately interested, including my brother Ernest, who submitted a DNA swab for a yDNA test at my request. Since only males have yDNA, which is passed down from male ancestors relatively unchanged through the generations, it can be used to help members of surname projects trace their lines.

I became interested in genetic genealogy after Emily Aulicino visited our Genealogy class, and I won a \$30 discount for a lab test. I used it to pay for part of Ernest's test, and it has paid off in proving and disproving family legends.

As for hobbies; I love to travel and have been to almost every continent. Next summer I will take my grandson to New Zealand on an Intergenerational Elderhostel and will make a side trip to New South Wales, Australia to meet one of my new-found DNA cousins.

I also like to knit, read, go to movies and study conversational Spanish at Portland Community College. My research focus is on New England, New York, Pennsylvania with roots in England, Scotland and Ireland. The surnames that I'm always researching are: FRAME/FRAIM, MEMINGER, LYON, CHAPIN and SMITH

More Volunteers..... next page!

People

LYLETH WINTHER—Volunteer by Janis Bailey

You may not recognize our editor Lyleth Winther unless you attend board meetings regularly, or visit the library on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays when she co-volunteers at the desk with Cathy Lauer. But her name is familiar from the pages of the GFO monthly publications--The Forum Insider and The Bulletin. And Lyleth wants everyone to know how grateful she is for the cooperation and assistance of so many GFO members. She says she is "thankful for the help (indexing, proofing, etc.) and articles which members have sent her over the past 3-½ years." She goes on to say she "couldn't have pulled the publications together without their contribution. Plus "it" wouldn't happen without the team that prints, arranges for the labels, prepares the newsletters (and Bulletin) for mailing, and the "delivery volunteer" who takes the mailing to the post office each month. And she says, "We can't forget those three people who make the electronic version available--Cathy Lauer, Sandy Sterling, and Larry Sullivan."

Lyleth Query was born in Des Moines, Iowa of parents who were raised in the Southern Iowa farming country. During the last month of the war with Germany in WWII, her father stepped on a snow covered land mine near the Belgium and German border (her dad said his outfit could see the lights at night from Cologne, Germany) and was sent to the hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington to rebuild his leg. The Germans surrendered a few weeks later in May of 1945. When her mother found out that it would take probably a year for surgeries and skin grafting to make the leg whole, she rented out the Des Moines house to friends, boarded a troop

train going West to Portland with connections to Longview, Washington, and found a place to live near recently transplanted relatives. Lyleth was 5 and her brother Ron 4 when they moved to Washington State.

After her dad was released from the hospital, he took a job as a mechanic with Roy Burnett Motors near the intersection of West Burnside and West Broadway, moving to the Portland area, and never dreamed of returning to Iowa except on vacations. A divorce caused some more changes with Lyleth's mom moving into the Portland inner city to find work. During some moves to make the family more stable, Lyleth and brother Ron attended five elementary schools in the Portland area--Metzger, Sunnyside, Arleta, Hosford, Highland. "Thank goodness," she says, "that the High School years at Jefferson were uninterrupted."

This living in different neighborhoods gives Lyleth bouts of nostalgia when passing through former neighborhoods. Except for a few married years and the time serving in the Navy Waves (Lyleth, herself), she has called the Portland area her home. She is the mother of three daughters. She and her late brother Ron were the oldest of 7 siblings, having acquired 5 half-siblings when her parents remarried to others. As the oldest sister, Lyleth feels a need to keep her siblings connected, planning the family gatherings.

How did she become acquainted with the Gen Forum of Oregon? It seems in the spring of 1979, she saw a write-up in The Oregonian for a free genealogy class being offered at the Midland Library one Saturday afternoon. A year or so earlier, she had been "primed" to do genealogy after a family reunion trip to the Midwest. She had a growing collection of pictures and obituaries, but didn't yet know how to acquire copies of birth and death certificates. So she was ready for some thoughts on organizing all those bits and pieces, and learning where the resources were when GFO's Maia Walker gave her presentation one Saturday. Others had read the newspaper article, too, and the place was

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People

packed. Many of them also responded the following month to Maia's invitation to attend the annual Open House at the Neighbor's of Woodcraft Building, complete with a tour of the library. That's when Lyleth signed up for membership.

When did she start volunteering at the Gen Forum? In 1986, after her dad's condition stabilized for a time (acute emphysema) and finding that her school age daughter wanted to sleep in on Saturdays, she thought she could start volunteering a couple of Saturdays a month on the desk. After working all week, she usually cleaned house on Saturday mornings, but thought she could volunteer while keeping her research skills honed. She found that even when her research was at a standstill, it was kind of exciting to help one of the patrons make a break in their research. It's now 21 years later, and she still likes helping folks with their research. Lyleth has served on several committees over the years appointed by the GFO Board—currently, she serves on the First Families of Multnomah County project.

She has journeyed to the big famous library in Salt Lake City three times—once by train (when the Pioneer version of Amtrak still ran to SLC), carpooling another year with three other gals, but the best way was by airplane. Staying in the hotel next door to the library made it convenient to get to the library plus the hotel's van picked the research party up at the airport along with their bags and genealogy material. Bad knees slowed her down for awhile, but they are "fixed". She would love to go again.

Lyleth is retired. In 1992, when her mom's cancer was diagnosed, she accepted an early retirement program from John Deere Company's (the manufacture) regional office in the Gresham area. For the next ten years, she worked temporary or part-time jobs as a secretary when her mom's condition was stable. Now that she is retired, she has more time for volunteering, movies, pops concerts, visiting galleries and museums, watercolor painting classes, and family gatherings.

Names that she is researching--Query, Cole, Twombly, Otis, Hunt, Fox and Bevans. All of these family names came to Clarke and Decatur Counties of Iowa in the 1850's to 1910's. * * * * *



WRITING CONTEST UPDATE

April 1st Deadline draws near!

If you been reading the articles about the writing contest over the last few months in the *Insider* and the *Bulletin*, and have been following the plan – you chose the family story that fits the theme, looked for holes in your genealogical research and filled them, done some background research, documented your research with sources for endnotes, and now you are ready to build your story. You will work to accomplish what you see the television programs, movies, and books do that captivates your attention. You will start your story with an event, description, character that makes us wonder what will happen. You will include dramatic high points and foreshadow events, building suspense. Your story will be factual, but will be arranged in a way that readers will care about your characters and want to know what happens to them.

The stories are due by April 1st. Keep up the good work, and I'm looking forward to seeing what you have to offer!

Contest Requirements:

- .. Piece must be written to the theme: "Saga of a Soldier" – about a soldier, the family they left behind, conscientious objectors— anything that has to do with war or the military.
- .. **Length** — 750 to 5000 words
- .. Documentation in the form of endnotes, or footnotes is **required**.
- .. Story must be submitted in electronic form—Word or RTF file, submitted as an email attachment or burned to a CD or floppy disk
- .. Submitted by April 1, 2008.

Any questions? Contact Peggy Baldwin at peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com or visit the GFO Writing Contest web site for information about the contest, examples of past winners, and a brochure with an application form – http://www.gfo.org/writing_contest.htm * * * * *



Bits & Pieces

BOARD MEETING ACTIVITIES

In the December and January GFO Board meetings, the following items were attended to:

A **five-year lease renewal was finalized** with Redside Development for the current space at 1505 Gideon for the period 7-1-08 to 6-30-13. A committee has been formed to identify the long-term issues and implications involved in remaining in the space past that time.

The results of the November election about proposed **by-laws changes were verified** as follows: 222 Approve changes; 5 Oppose changes; 5 ballots unmarked. The ballots were counted by Don Holznagel, William Smith and Pat Patterson, and the count was verified by Sandy Whiteman.

Saturday, May 3 was chosen as the date for an **"Open House" event** to be conducted in the Library and Higgins Room. Sue Lydic is chairing the arrangements for the program, which will include tours, ask-the-experts, demonstrations and presentations, used book sale, and light refreshments.

A **new volunteer web staff member**, JoAnn Klassen, was welcomed. She will assist Larry Sullivan in Web site development.

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by Kathleen-O'Brien Blair

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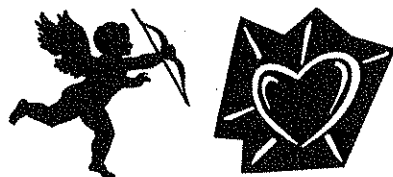
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- 11—Mon 1pm DNA Interest Group
- 12—Tues 5:30pm GFO Board Mtg
- 14—Thurs. VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16—Sat 6pm to 6am
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- 23—Sat 10am Intro to Genealogy Class
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